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BREAKDOWN

CYBERSPACE.

I WAS
OMNISCIENT
AND
OMNIPOTENT.

ALL OF CYBER-
SPACE LAY BEFORE
ME, MINE TO
ACCESS, MINE
TO RULE!

NOW I
HAVE
NOTHING!

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THIS IS YOUR
FAULT, WIRE!

YOUR ACTIONS
HAVE TRAPPED ME
ONCE AGAIN IN THIS
ELECTRONIC WASTELAND.

PREPARE TO PAY
THE CONSEQUENCES.

NO. LISTEN.
YOU'RE STILL
IN CYBERSHOCK.

THE MONDO-
INTERFACE FUNCTIONS
YOU SYPHONED FROM
THE PALOMA PROGRAM
SCRAMBLED YOUR
BRAIN!

YOU WERE
DOWNLOADING
MORE INFORMA-
TION THAN EVEN
YOU COULD
HANDLE.

I HAD NO
OTHER CHOICE
BUT TO TERMINATE
THE PALOMA SYSTEM,
AND SHUT YOU
DOWN.

AND THAT
STILL DIDN'T STOP
YOU FROM RE-
TREATING INTO THAT
VICTORIAN PSYCHO-
SIM RECOVERY
PROGRAM YOU
MANIFESTED *

YOU DARE
QUESTION MY
SANITY-- WHEN
I CAN DESTROY
YOU WITH ONE
WAVE OF MY
HAND?

* See Doom 2099
#8 & 9 for a full
explanation.
--YOUR PAL JOEY

DOOM, I'M
NOT YOUR
ENEMY!

IF WE KEEP
WASTING ENERGY
LIKE THIS, WE'LL
DE-REZ INTO
RANDOM BYTES,
SCATTERED TO
THE CYBERSPACE
WIND.

DON'T YOU
WANT TO OFF-
LINE BACK TO
LATVERIA?

REMEMBER
LATVERIA?

YOUR WORDS
ARE ONLY STATIC
TO ME. I REFUSE
TO LET THEM
CONFUSE ME.

I WILL
REGAIN MY
POWER AND
RETAKE
CYBERSPACE--

THEN,
NOTHING
WILL STAND
IN MY W--

TKRAAKK

... DON'T
KNOW WHERE
THAT ENERGY
FIELD CAME
FROM... BUT
IT BOUGHT
ME SOME
TIME...



"... AND TIME IS SOMETHING I'M RUNNING OUT OF FAST!"

DOOM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

HE JAMMED THE CICADA'S CONTROLS--

--SENT THE ZEPPELIN PLUMMETING TO EARTH.

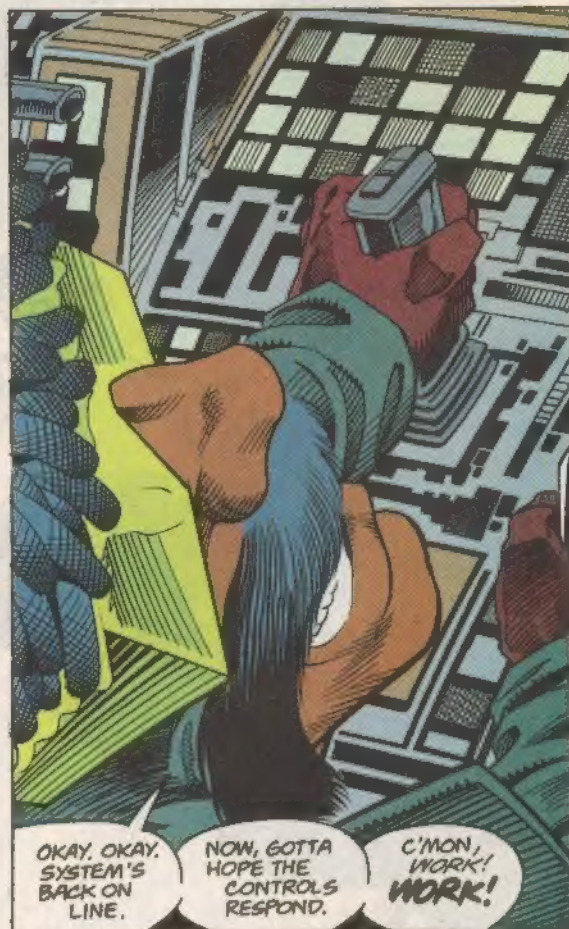


I TAKE COMFORT THAT YOU TWO COMMONERS WILL DIE WITH ME--

--KNOWING THE LEADER TO WHOM YOU FOOLISHLY GAVE YOUR LOYALTY FOUND YOU EXPENDABLE.

SHUT UP, DEVARGAS! LAST THING I NEED TO HEAR IS YOUR MENGLING AND PUKING.

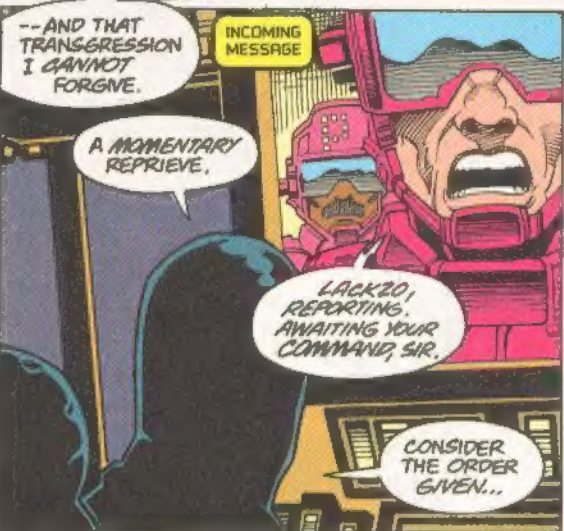
BAD ENOUGH I GOTTA TRY TO JUMP. START THIS BABY'S ENGINE IN THE MIDDLE OF FREEFALL.



OKAY, OKAY. SYSTEM'S BACK ON LINE.

NOW, GOTTA HOPE THE CONTROLS RESPOND.

C'MON, WORK! WORK!

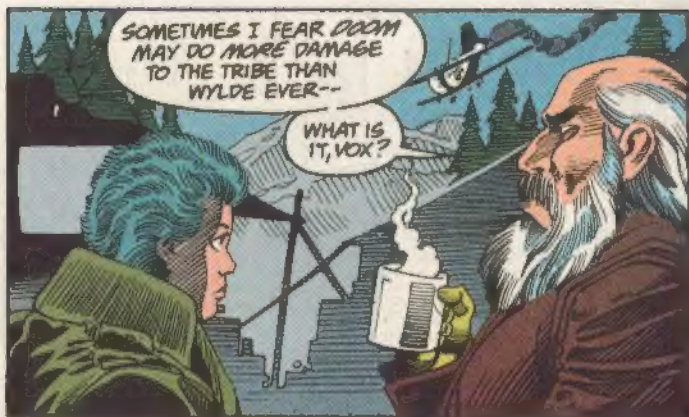




"...BEGIN THE LATVERIAN OCCUPATION."

NO WORD FROM XANDRA ABOUT WIRE OR FORTUNE.

NOT TO BE NOSTALGIC, BUT AT LEAST WHEN TIGER WYLDE RULED LATVERIA WE KNEW WHO THE ENEMY WAS.

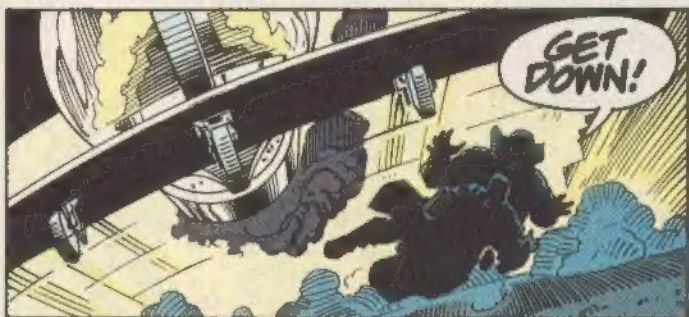


SOMETIMES I FEAR DOOM MAY DO MORE DAMAGE TO THE TRIBE THAN WYLDE EVER--

WHAT IS IT, VOX?



BLESSED MOTHER.



GET DOWN!



KBLAMME

DOOM AND WIRE SHUDDER
AS THE VERY FABRIC OF THIS
ISOLATED CORNER OF CYBER-
SPACE SCREAMS WITH AN
UNEXPECTED BURST OF ENERGY.

THEN, IN THE HEART OF THIS
POWERFUL STREAM OF
CHARGED ELECTRONIC DATA,
MANIFESTS A FIGURE BOTH
FAMILIAR AND OMINOUS.

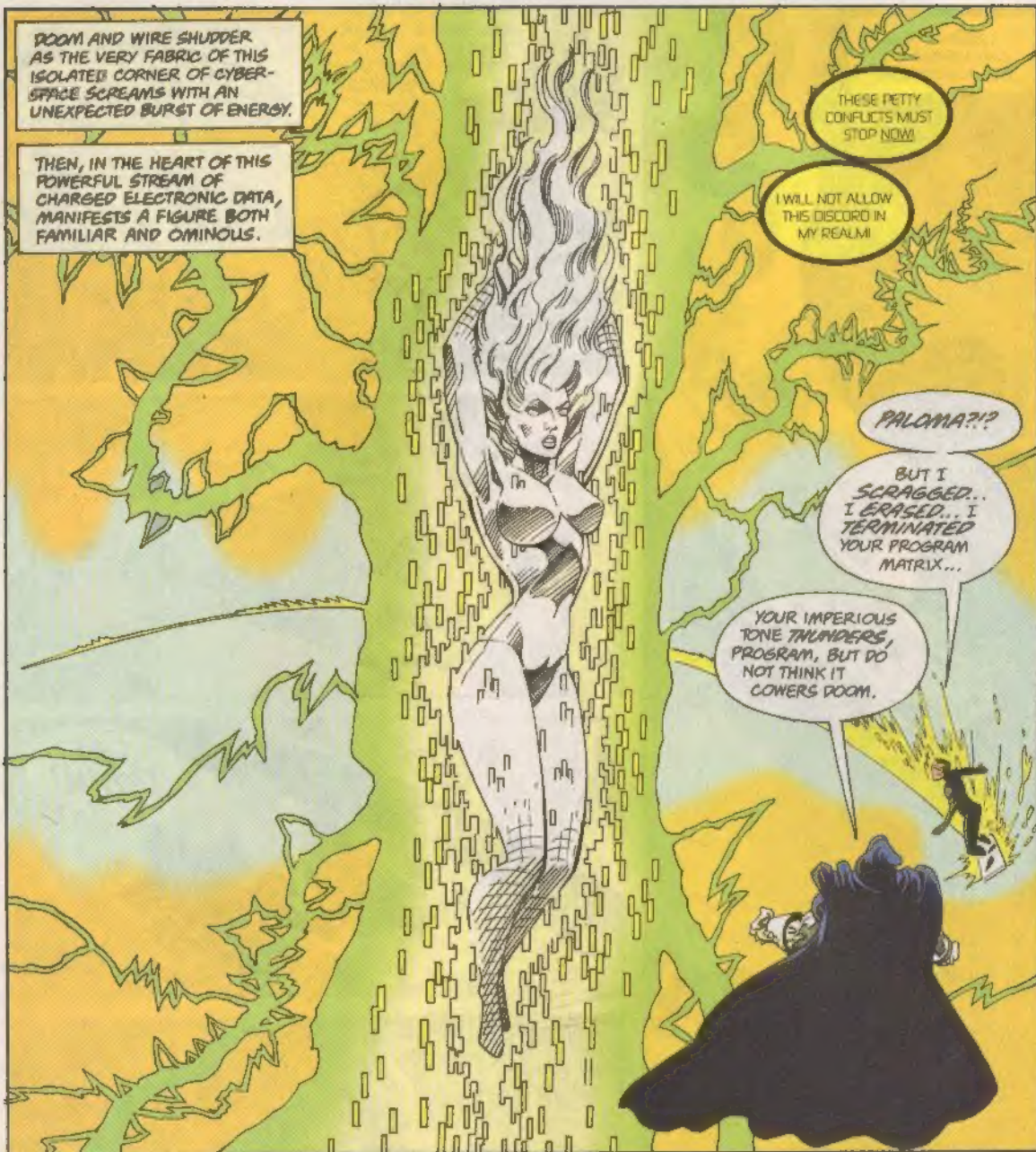
THESE PETTY
CONFLICTS MUST
STOP NOW!

I WILL NOT ALLOW
THIS DISCORD IN
MY REALM!

PALOMA???

BUT I
SCRAGGED...
I ERASED... I
TERMINATED
YOUR PROGRAM
MATRIX...

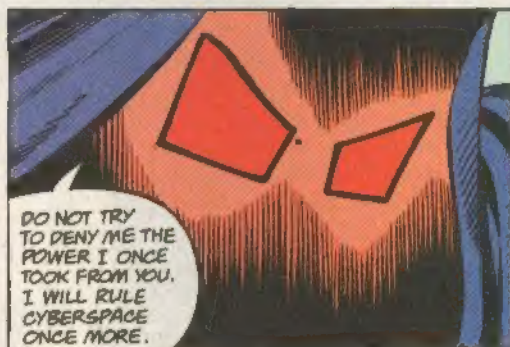
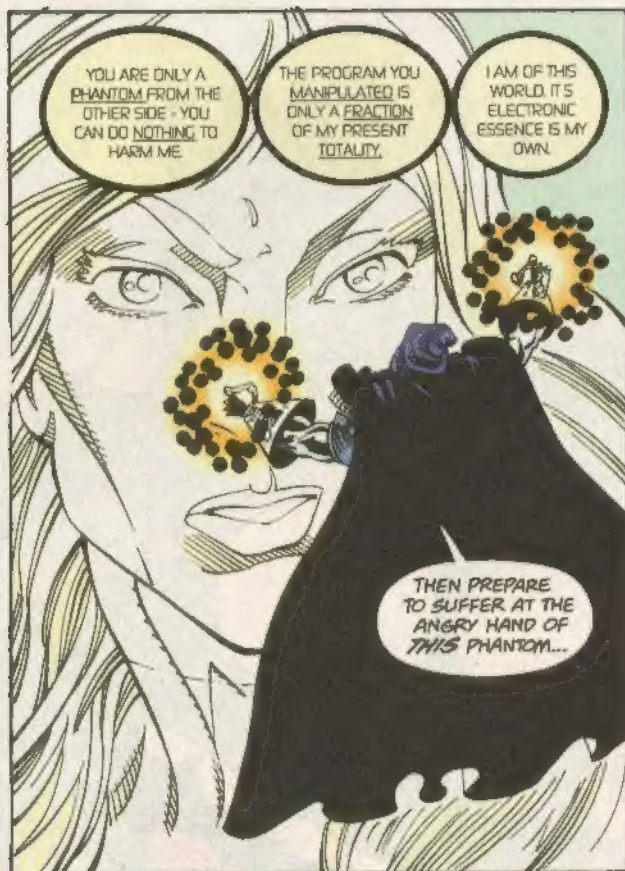
YOUR IMPERIOUS
TONE THUNDERS,
PROGRAM, BUT DO
NOT THINK IT
COWERS DOOM.



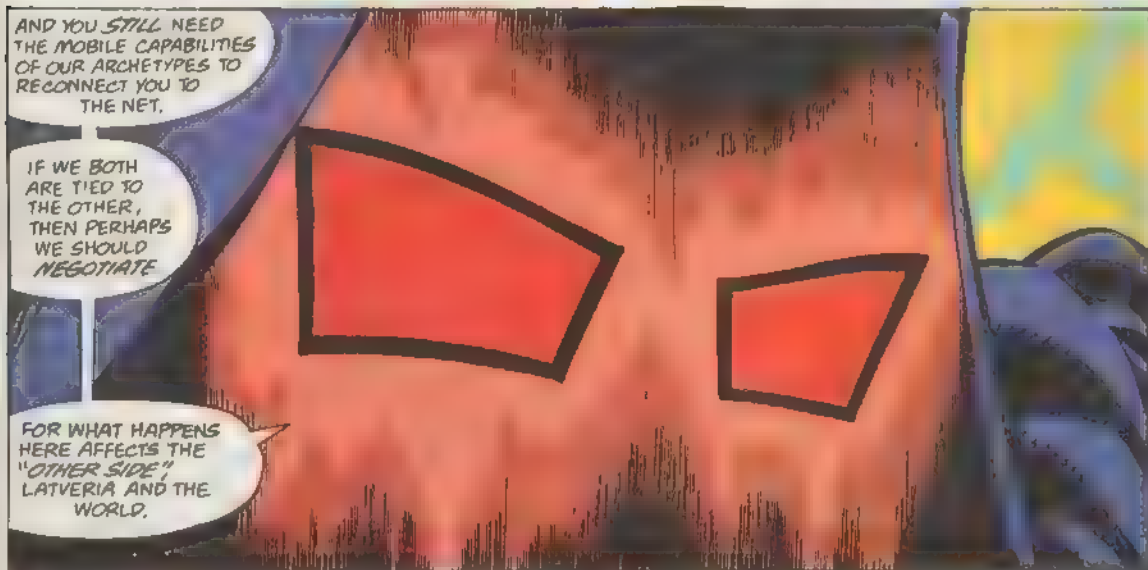
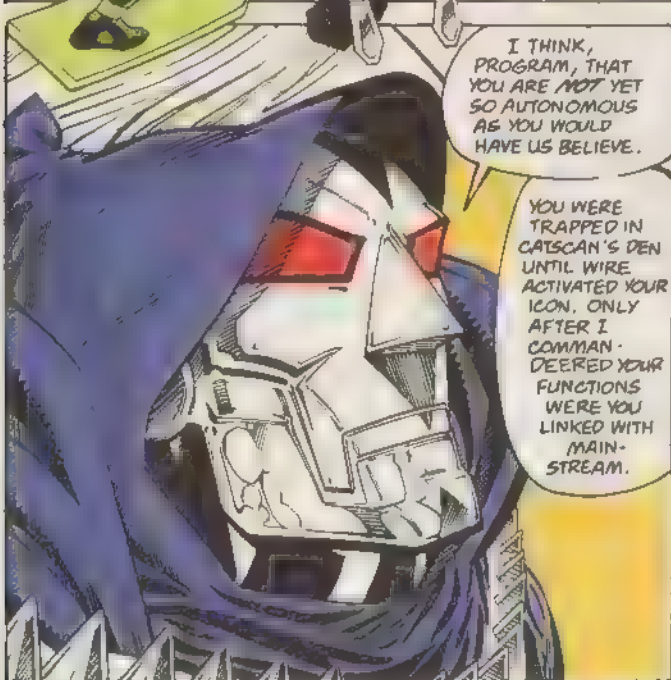
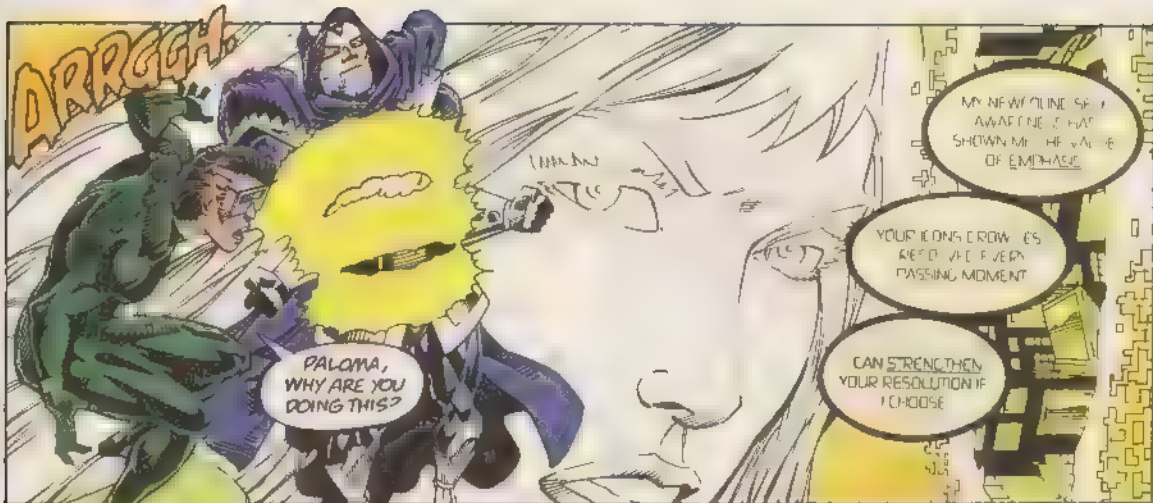
I SEIZED POWER
FROM YOU ONCE, I
SHALL DO SO
AGAIN.

I AM
DOOM.
I AM UN-
STOPPABLE!









GOGRADIA

ATTENTION. CITIZENS OF
LATVERIA. YOUR COUNTRY
IS NOW UNDER CONTROL OF
THE PIXEL CORPORATION

"I THOUGHT DOOM
WAS FLATLINED
WITH THE GLIDER."

"HE WAS WHEN
SCRATCH TALKED
TO THE GIRL."

"AS LONG AS HIS
WORK ORDER IS
AUTHENTIC, I'M
READY"

"STANDARD PIXEL OCCUPATION
ONE STARK-FUJIKAWA
MONOLITH XI MOSQUITO
TRACERS ON THE SIDE"

RETURN TO YOUR
HOME'S UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTIFICATION

"CROWD'S TOO SCARED
TO PUT UP A FIGHT. HE
WON'T DROP THE
SKEETERS"

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
IS HEREBY ILLEGAL
UNTIL THE TRANSITION
IS COMPLETED

VOOP VOOP

"SPIDERBABY DRONES
TO ESTABLISH PERIMETER,
JUST LIKE CAIRO"

"YOU LOST
THAT HAND
IN CAIRO."

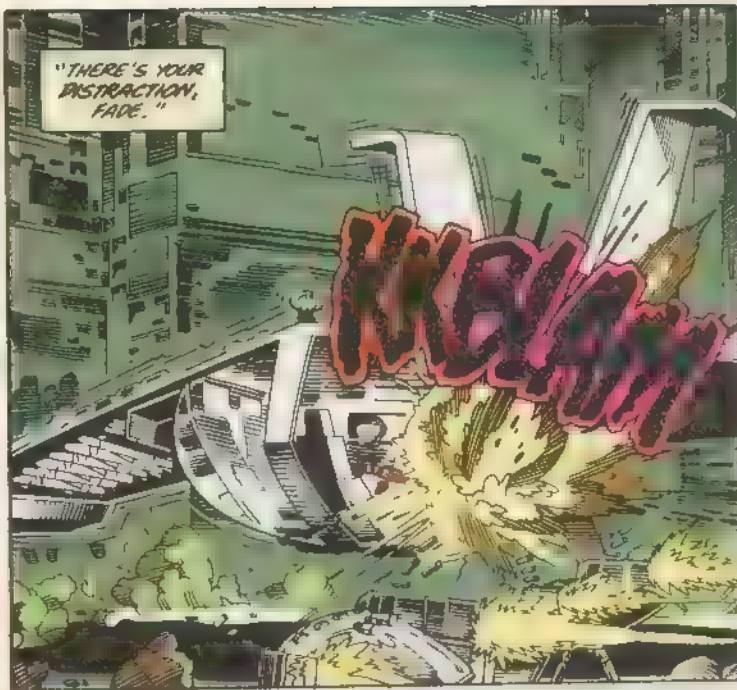
RESISTANCE WILL
BE SEVERELY
PUNISHED

"A HANG-
OVER
MISJUDGED
THE DRONE'S
LASER
SIGHTS."

"RECOGNIZED THE GAMEDOT
RUNNING THE DRONES?"

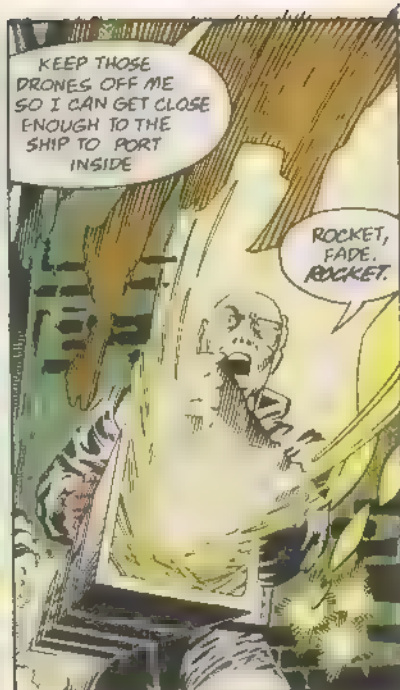
"JUST ANOTHER PLUG-
HEAD. DOESN'T MATTER
TO HIM WHETHER THIS IS
REAL LIFE OR A WAR SIM."

"LET'S SHOW HIM
IT'S NOT A GAME,
CHILL."



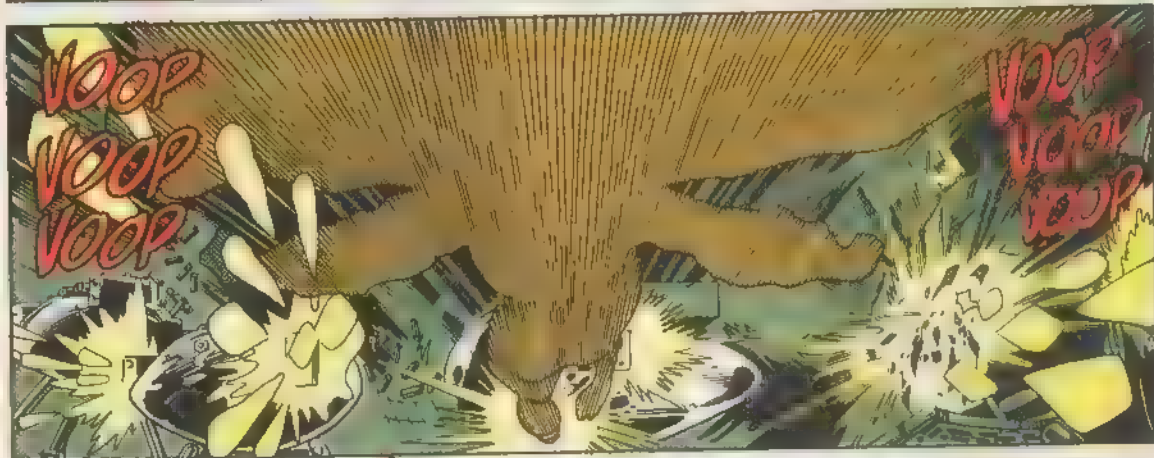
"THERE'S YOUR
ABSTRACTION,
FADE."

WOW



KEEP THOSE
DRONES OFF ME
SO I CAN GET CLOSE
ENOUGH TO THE
SHIP TO PORT
INSIDE

ROCKET,
FADE.
ROCKET.



**VOOP
VOOP
VOOP**

**VOOP
VOOP
VOOP**



COMPUTER,
IDENTIFY
ASSAILANTS.

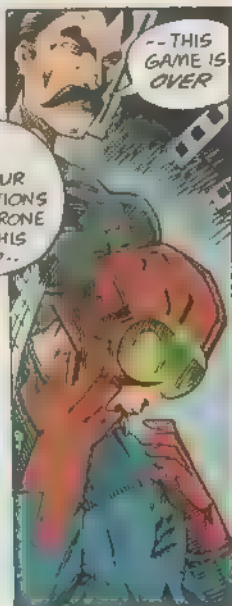
THE
WEAPON-
MASTER IS
CHILL I'M
FADE.

WOW

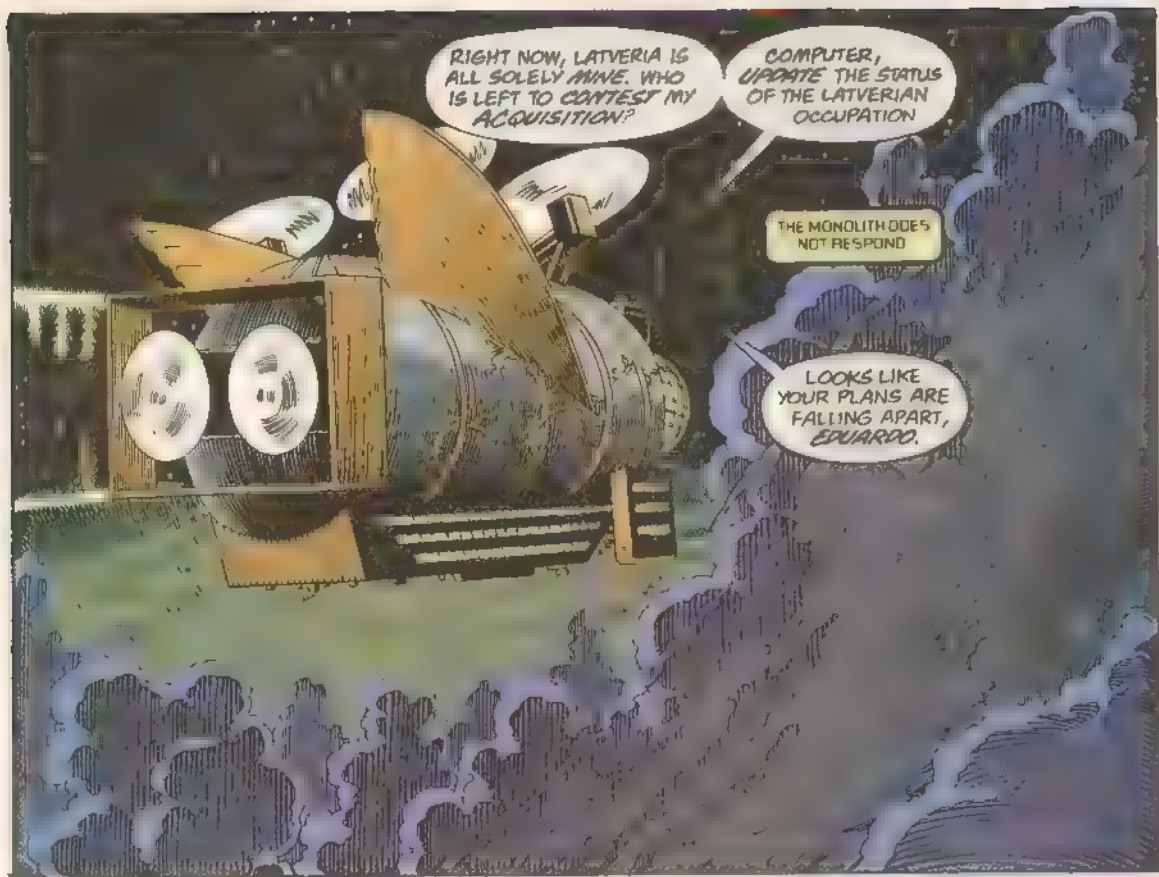
URK



AND
ONCE I
PULL YOUR
CONNECTIONS
TO THE DRONE
AND THIS
SHIP..



-- THIS
GAME IS
OVER



RIGHT NOW, LATVERIA IS ALL SOLELY MINE. WHO IS LEFT TO CONTEST MY ACQUISITION?

COMPUTER, UPDATE THE STATUS OF THE LATVERIAN OCCUPATION

THE MONOLITH DOES NOT RESPOND

LOOKS LIKE YOUR PLANS ARE FALLING APART, EDUARDO.



I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU, POET.

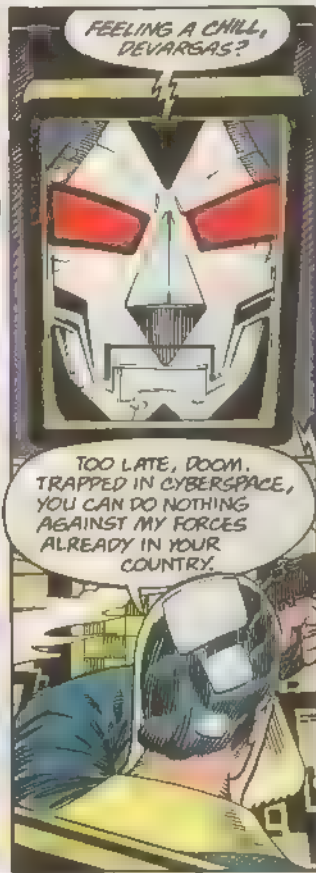
IN YOUR NEXT LIFE, PERHAPS YOU'LL KNOW WHEN TO BE SILENT.

IN MY NEXT LIFE, I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU.



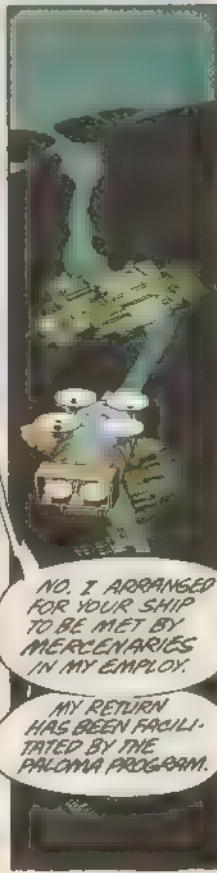
ARROGANT WHELP, YOU WILL DIE FIRST--

THE WINDOWS ARE OPENING? NO! COMPUTER SEAL WINDOWS EMERGENCY PRIORITY!



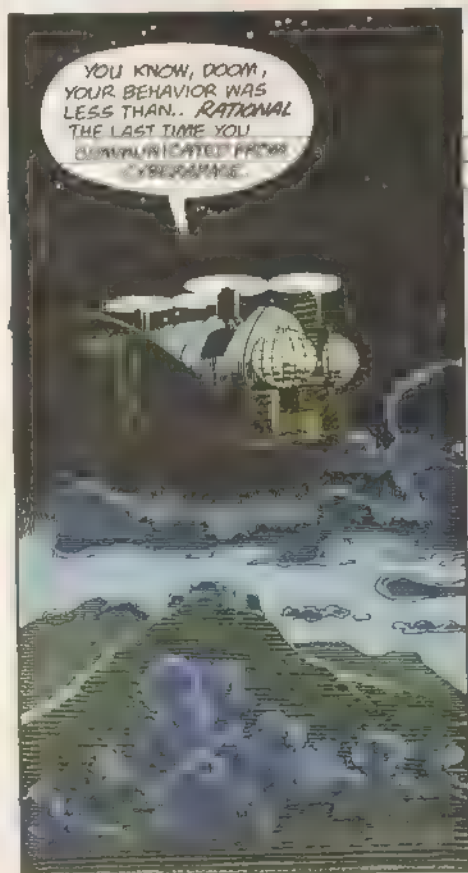
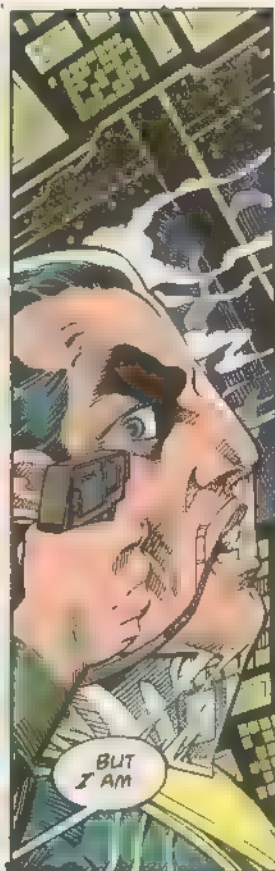
FEELING A CHILL, DEVARGAS?

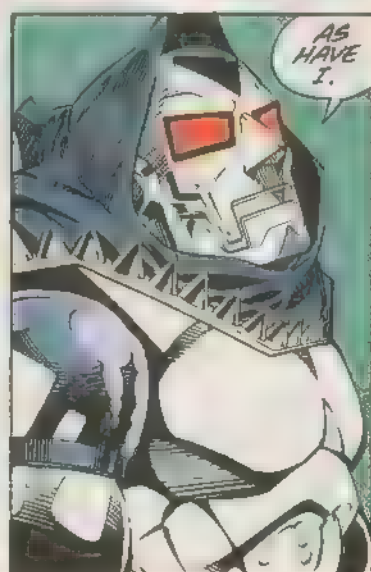
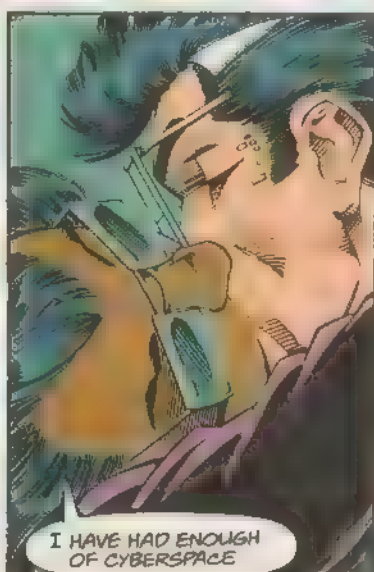
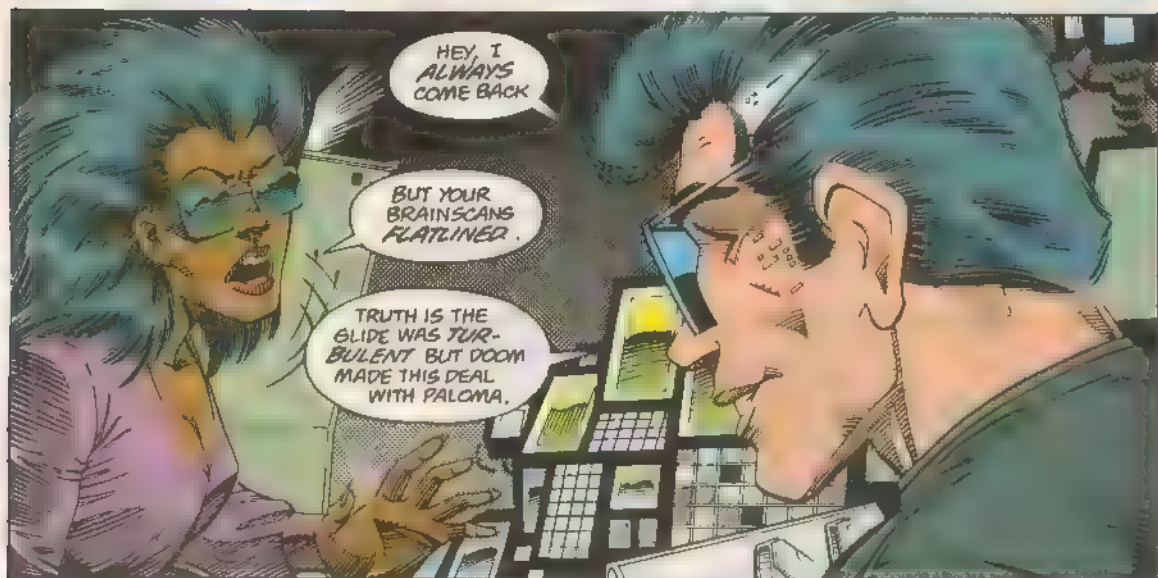
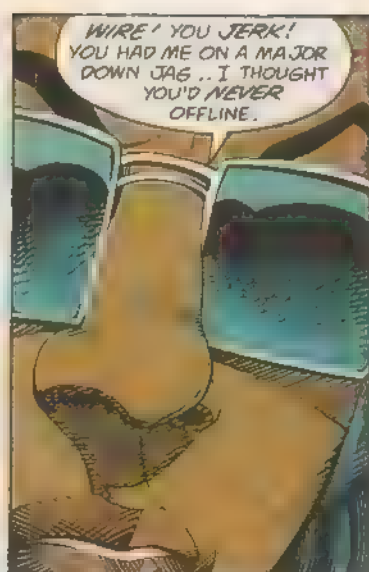
TOO LATE, DOOM. TRAPPED IN CYBERSPACE, YOU CAN DO NOTHING AGAINST MY FORCES ALREADY IN YOUR COUNTRY.

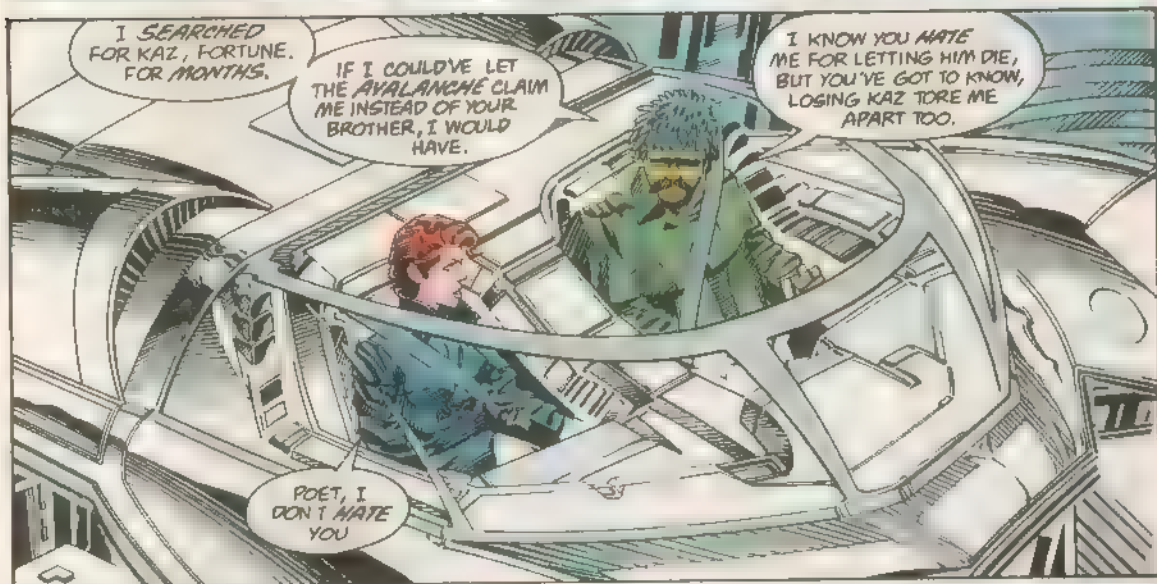
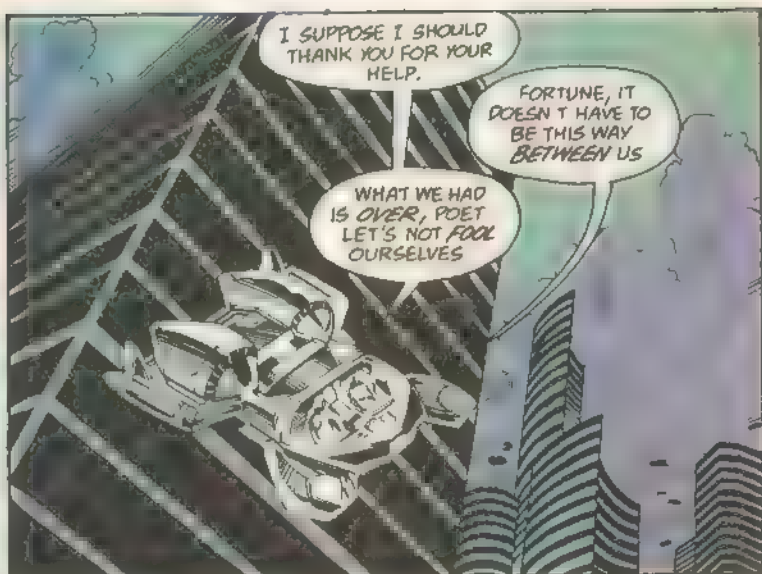


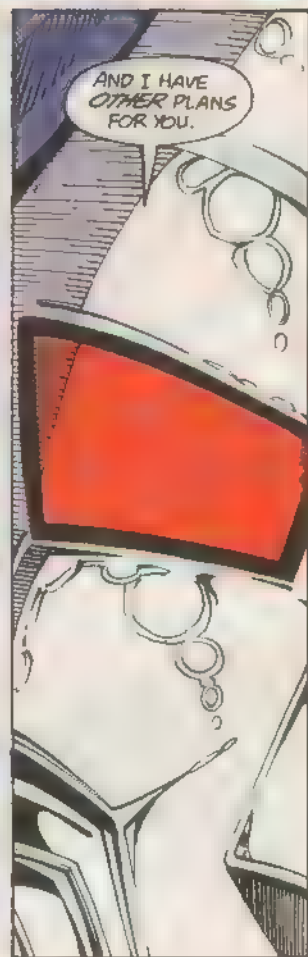
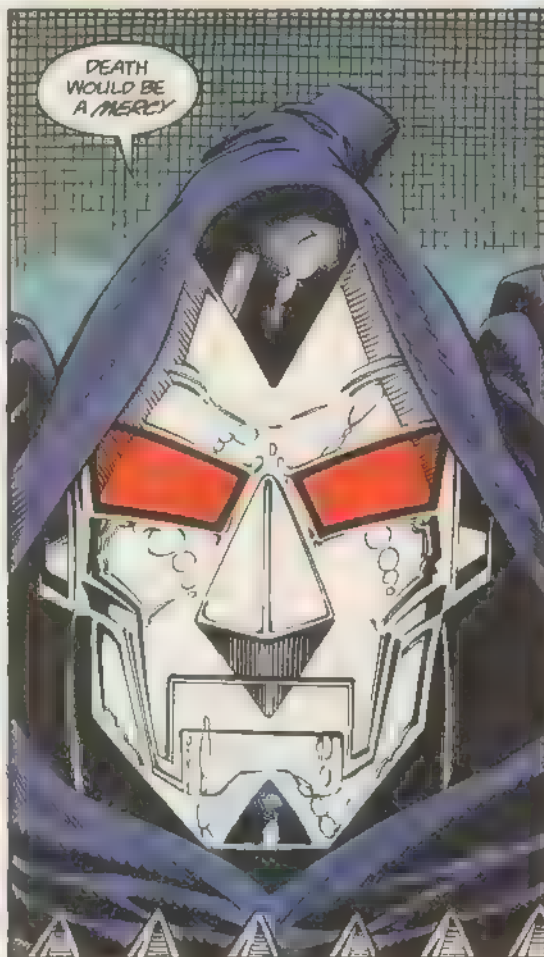
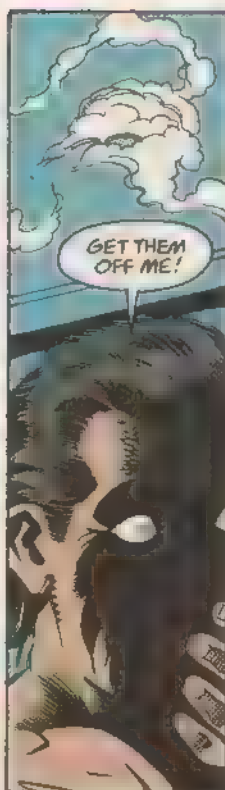
NO. I ARRANGED FOR YOUR SHIP TO BE MET BY MERCENARIES IN MY EMPLOY.

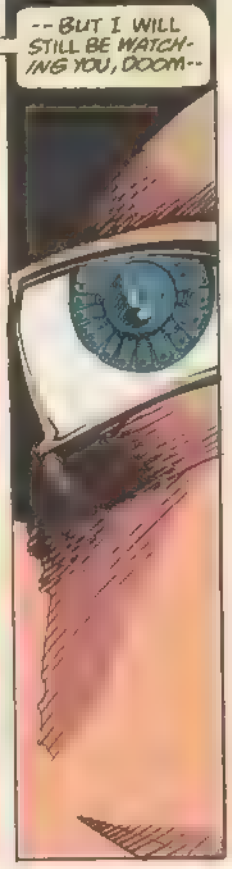
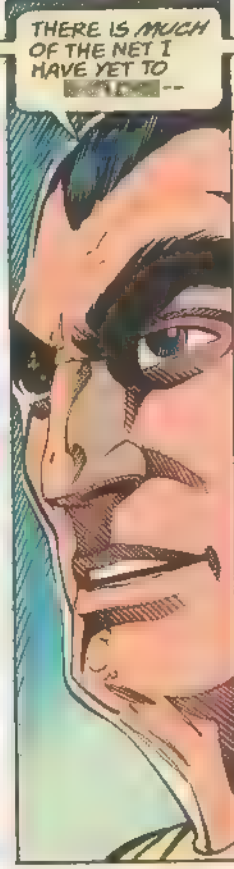
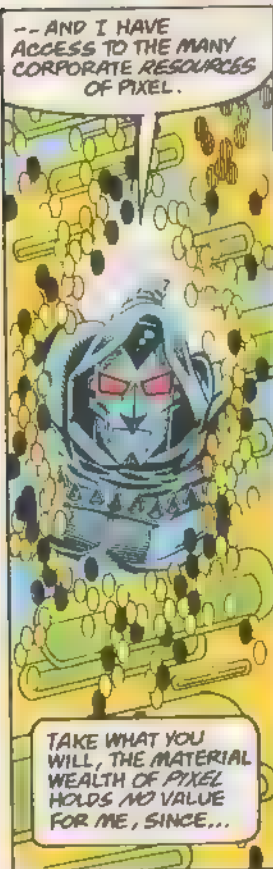
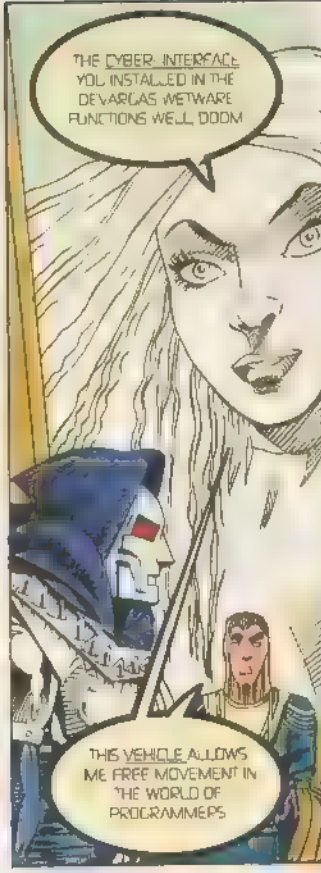
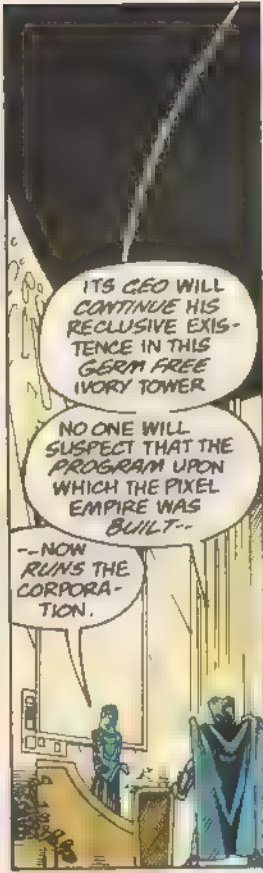
MY RETURN HAS BEEN FACILITATED BY THE FALCONIA PROGRAM.














--BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT
ONE WHO RELINQUISHES
CONTROL EASILY--

--AND I AM CERTAIN
YOU WILL RETURN.

--ONCE AGAIN INTENT ON
BENDING CYBERSPACE
TO YOUR WILL.

LATER.

DOOM! DOOM! DOOM! DOOM!

CASTLE
DOOM IS
REBUILT!

RISEING BETWEEN
ANTIKVA AND GOJRADIA--
THE OLD VILLAGE
AND THE NEW CITY--

--IT CONNECTS
LATVERIA'S PAST
AND PRESENT--

--STANDING AS
THE FOUNDATION
UPON WHICH
LATVERIA WILL
BUILD ITS FUTURE.

NO LONGER WILL
LATVERIA FALL VICTIM
TO THE WHIMS OF
OUTSIDERS AND
FOREIGN INTERESTS.

TODAY A
NEW LATVERIA
BEGINS--



SO SWEARS VICTOR VON DOOM!

YOU'VE DEPOSED
TIGER WYLDE AND
QUASHED DEVARGAS'S
ATTEMPTED TAKE-
OVER.

YOUR
STRENGTH
AND TENACITY
ARE UNQUES-
TIONABLE--



-- BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT
YOUR STATE OF MIND.

YOU WENT OVER THE
EDGE IN CYBERSPACE.
I'M NOT CERTAIN IT
WOULDN'T HAPPEN HERE.

YOUR CONCERN
IS UNFOUNDED.
FORTUNE, THE CYBER-
SPACE INCIDENT WAS
AN ABERRATION. I
AM IN CONTROL.

IF YOU DOUBT ME,
LOOK TO YOUR TAROT
CARDS FOR
CONFIRMATION.



I HAVE, DOOM.
THAT'S WHAT
DISTURBS ME.



YOU SHOULD HAVE
BEEN THERE,
XANDRA--

--IT WAS
LIKE WATCHING
AN ANGEL
ASCEND TO--

WIRE,
LISTEN
TO ME.



THREE MERCENARIES OFFERED
TO TRAIN ME AS THEIR
APPRENTICE.

IT WAS A HARD DECISION
TO MAKE, BUT I'VE ACCEPTED.



I'M LEAVING
LATVERIA IN
TWO DAYS.

WHAT?



ANDREI, I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D HAVE ANY PART OF THIS POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE.

WHEN WE PLAYED IN THIS CASTLE'S RUINS AS CHILDREN, DID YOU EVER THINK TO SEE IT REBUILT?

FORTUNE. THIS IS URGENT.



A CHINESE DRAGON-FLY CRASHED NEAR THE CAMP YESTERDAY. THE PILOT REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS THIS MORNING.

HER LATVERIAN WAS BROKEN, BUT SHE WAS INSISTENT THAT I UNDERSTAND ONE THING.

IT'S ABOUT YOUR BROTHER, KAZIMIERZ. HE'S IN CHINA. HE'S IN GRAVE DANGER.



KAZ IS ALIVE??

"Madness need not be all breakdown. It may also be breakthrough. It is potential liberation and renewal as well as enslavement and existential death."

— R.D. Laing

NEXT: WAKANDA 2099